

1 mobile communications operations. And that's detailed in  
2 the--

3 QUESTION: You mean, technologically?

4 MR. CARR: That's correct. And OET pointed that  
5 out in its study when it created the or proposed the  
6 creation of these bands.

7 QUESTION: And there's no loss in technological  
8 quality in shifting the Public Service from one band to  
9 another, it's exactly the same?

10 MR. CARR: No. And under the transition plan the  
11 facilities will be equal to or comparable.

12 QUESTION: Well, that's the whole point. I mean  
13 that's what this fight is--

14 MR. CARR: Yes, that's correct.

15 QUESTION: I mean I'm perplexed at your hesitation  
16 in answering Judge Silberman. There's no confusion over  
17 what's at stake here. They are on a band that works. It's  
18 clear that the quality is there. You are now saying we're  
19 going to move you and we're not entirely sure where and some  
20 of them are going to be suspect. That's exactly what's,  
21 apart from the transactional costs, that's what's at issue  
22 here.

23 MR. CARR: Fair enough. They may be suspect about  
24 it, but under the FCC's rules they are guaranteed  
25 facilities--

1 QUESTION: I understand how you are addressing  
2 that but that's the problem is you are taking them off a  
3 band that clearly works technologically. And there's no  
4 guarantee that--

5 MR. CARR: There's no question about that.

6 QUESTION: Okay. There's no guarantee, indeed,  
7 because of the way you answer it, there's no guarantee that  
8 they will find comparable technological quality elsewhere.  
9 And if they don't, they won't be made to move.

10 MR. CARR: That's correct.

11 QUESTION: Well, that's the potential injury here,  
12 that's why they don't want to move, they know what they've  
13 got.

14 QUESTION: Would you like to hire Judge Edwards?

15 [Laughter.]

16 MR. LANE: Actually he was happy with you.

17 [Laughter.]

18 MR. CARR: I'm actually happy with both of you  
19 this morning, Your Honors.

20 QUESTION: Are you familiar, speaking of changing  
21 your mind, are you familiar with the famous libel case of  
22 this Court a couple of years ago when--

23 QUESTION: I was amazed he didn't cite it.

24 QUESTION: Yes. Why didn't you cite it? That's  
25 another dereliction of duty. There's a famous libel case in

1 which the panel sua sponde, there was a petition for  
2 rehearing.

3 MR. CARR: The Moldea case, you're referring to,  
4 Your Honor, is that correct?

5 QUESTION: Well-known jurists on this circuit  
6 changed their minds.

7 MR. CARR: Yes. Well--

8 QUESTION: Two very prominent jurists changed  
9 their mind.

10 MR. CARR: I didn't want to raise a sore subject.

11 QUESTION: Why is it sore? They should be proud  
12 of it. Why shouldn't you try getting under their umbrella?

13 QUESTION: You filed petitions for rehearing 100  
14 times a year asking us to change our minds, not a 100 times,  
15 but several times a year asking us to change so I assume you  
16 want us to on the appropriate occasion.

17 MR. CARR: Well, that's certainly correct, Your  
18 Honor, and I think the Commission would take the view that  
19 it can also change its mind when its looking particularly at  
20 an area of very technical matter within its own expertise  
21 and a new area involving a new communication service.

22 QUESTION: Well, I mean you can get away with that  
23 to an extent as long as there are another couple of  
24 sentences there.

25 MR. CARR: Sure. And we feel that that's there in

1 this order. That we feel we have identified the comments in  
2 the record.

3 QUESTION: One last question I have for you is  
4 what is this, I guess I didn't pay enough attention to it in  
5 the record, there's rulemaking in process which will cut  
6 down on some of these protections that you give them or not?  
7 I just picked that up from Mr. Lane's argument.

8 MR. CARR: There is a rulemaking currently where  
9 there are some proposed rules that could have some impact on  
10 the relocation.

11 QUESTION: When you say, could have impact, just  
12 sort of bottom line, do they lessen the protections for the  
13 movant, for the person who is going to have to move?

14 MR. CARR: Well, they do not change the bottom  
15 line which is that the facilities to which they move--

16 QUESTION: Must be comparable.

17 MR. CARR: --will be equal to what they, to some  
18 extent, what they do is they require that any of the  
19 technological studies that the cities do in the course of  
20 moving will be negotiated first with the PCS provider. So  
21 that they won't go out and get these expensive studies done  
22 and then--

23 QUESTION: Put in the bill for them, yes, okay.

24 MR. CARR: Exactly.

25 QUESTION: All right.

1 MR. CARR: I think it's really, at this point,  
2 none of those rules have been adopted. The comments have  
3 been submitted.

4 QUESTION: I understand.

5 MR. CARR: And that the matter is pending.

6 QUESTION: Okay.

7 THE COURT: Okay, your time is up, thank you.

8 MR. CARR: Thank you, Your Honors.

9 THE COURT: Two minutes, Mr. Lane, that's it.

10 ORAL ARGUMENT OF JOHN D. LANE, ESQ.

11 ON BEHALF OF PETITIONERS--REBUTTAL

12 MR. LANE: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 Counsel for the Commission referred to, when he  
14 was pressed by the Court, as to where it is in the record  
15 that there was evidence that would lead the Commission and  
16 justify the Commission for making this radical change of  
17 mind and he mentioned the Apple comments in which they said  
18 they couldn't live with--because there are nomadic devices--  
19 they couldn't live with another user on the same band.

20 But the Commission took care of that in their  
21 third report and order. They said that they would cut them  
22 down to a band that is only 20 megahertz wide and there's  
23 very little Public Safety--

24 QUESTION: That's a fair point, counsel. The only  
25 things that come in post the third R & O are APC and Cox.

1 And although you're absolutely right APC and Cox don't  
2 disagree with the resolution that the FCC reached, they do  
3 raise the point that the FCC looks at and becomes troubled  
4 about. They do raise the point that there may not be room  
5 for both at that other end of the spectrum.

6 And so, if you are conscientious as an agency and  
7 you look at this and you say, you know, we might have been  
8 wrong about that. What's wrong with the agency coming back  
9 and saying, you know, I think we under-sold this problem and  
10 it's enough to tip the balance and besides, there's very  
11 little that we can see that's really at stake for your  
12 clients, other than the fact that they do have a lot of  
13 political clout.

14 MR. LANE: Well, I don't know about that. But--

15 QUESTION: Oh, I know.

16 THE COURT: But, nevertheless, we don't take the  
17 position that the Commission can't change its mind,  
18 particularly when they are dealing with scientific and  
19 matters of future prediction. All we are saying is they  
20 have to have a valid record before them, something  
21 intervened in this case that changed their minds, and  
22 something hit the Commissioners minds. We can't find it in  
23 the record.

24 QUESTION: You are not suggesting, in Watergate  
25 terms, a nefarious force, are you?

1 MR. LANE: No. I'm saying that something changed  
2 their mind. There's not enough in the record, there are no  
3 studies, there are no staff recommendations or anything  
4 that--whatever it is, we should have a shot at it and we  
5 should be able to test that.

6 QUESTION: Were the Commissioners the same in both  
7 proceedings?

8 MR. LANE: No, there was a change. There was a  
9 change in the leadership, in the chairmanship.

10 QUESTION: Yes, okay.

11 MR. LANE: And the new chairman is one who took  
12 maybe a slightly different view. And see, the original  
13 scheme was to leave it to the market place in this voluntary  
14 period and if someone could get a monopoly, a kicker in  
15 there, fine, that was the Commission's scheme. But when  
16 they get down to the point, the point I was making is

17 QUESTION: You have got to finish up, counsel.

18 MR. LANE: Yes. There either is something there  
19 and we ought to be able to test it or if there isn't, it is  
20 clearly arbitrary and capricious.

21 Thank you.

22 QUESTION: Thank you, the case is submitted.

23 [Whereupon, the above-entitled case was  
24 submitted.]